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Art Unit 1634

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/852,093; Filed: May 10, 2001
For: **Method, System and Computer Program Product for Measuring Unit
Activity of an Enzyme**
Inventors: Nellis *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5110000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
2. One (1) Return Postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,
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Reply To Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **April 11, 2001**, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-12. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.


This election is made **without** traverse.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a),

and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. Patterson", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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